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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) is working on a project for culturing of marine black pearl;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the places in coastal Maharashtra, where culturing of said pearl is possible; and

(c) the steps taken by CMFRI for induction of local manpower and imparting them necessary training for culturing of said pearl?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Black pearls are produced from blacklip pearl oyster found only in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. As such there is no scope for black pearl production in seas of mainland including Maharashtra.

(c) The institute regularly conducts training programme on marine pearl production for the benefit of interested farmers and entrepreneurs.